

**Meeting Notes  
Yerington Stakeholder Group and  
Technical Work Group Meeting  
October 29, 2002  
Yerington Paiute Tribe Gymnasium**

**Meeting Attendees**

Patrick Abanathy, Mason Valley News(am)	Duane Masters, YPT
Bonnie Arthur, USEPA	Dave McCarthy, Atlantic Richfield Co.
Lori Carpenter, Huffman & Carpenter (pm)	Dietrick McGinnis, Consultant, YPT
Jennifer Carr, NDEP (am)	Dan Newell, City of Yerington
Clay Cooper, Huffman & Carpenter (pm)	Ken Paulsen, Behre Dolbear & Co, Inc.
Michele Dineyazhe, USEPA	Vicki Roberts, YPT
Kris Doebbler, BLM	Vicki Rosen, USEPA (am)
Elwood L. Emm, Chairman, YPT	Joe Sawyer, SRK Consulting
Johanna Emm, YPT	Paul Thomsen, Senator Harry Reid
Tom Grady, Assembly 38 Candidate (pm)	Don Tibbals, Weed Heights Development (am)
Art Gravenstein, NDEP	Chuck Zimmerman, Brown and Caldwell
Sean Hogan, USEPA	<i>Molly Mayo, Meridian Institute, Facilitator</i>
Phyllis Hunewill, Lyon County	

**Yerington Mine Site Stakeholder Group Meeting  
Morning Agenda  
October 29, 2002**

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| • Introductions and Agenda Review               | 10:00 |
| • Site Scope of Work and Work Plans             | 10:15 |
| • Update on A.O.C. and M.O.U.                   | 11:00 |
| • Status of Electrowinning Fluid & Drum Removal | 11:15 |
| • Open Discussion                               | 11:30 |
| • Planning for Next Public Meeting              | 11:45 |
| • Adjourn                                       | Noon  |

**Morning Session Notes**

Elwood Emm, Chairman, Yerington Paiute Tribe, Welcomed the group and introduced Duane Masters, the new environmental staff person for the Tribe.

***Site Scope of Work***

Chuck Zimmerman reviewed the Site Scope of work and key work planning activities. The Group discussed the need for a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) and a Site-wide Safety Plan.

### ***Website***

Art provided an update on the site web site. Documents are being stored chronologically, including all the meetings summaries, formal correspondences, newsletters, etc. Latest versions of Work Plans (and other documents) will be saved. Previous versions will be deleted. Feedback on how to improve the site is encouraged.

### ***AOC Update***

Jennifer Carr explained that the AOC was finalized that morning between NDEP and Atlantic Richfield. BLM has decided not to participate as a co-signer in the agreement. The signed AOC officially incorporates the Site Scope of Work. The original order from the State is still in place because it addresses issues outside of the AOC and formalizes the relationship between NDEP and Atlantic Richfield.

### ***Status of Electrowinning Facility***

Art Gravenstein and Joe Sayer provided an update on efforts to initiate cleanup of the electrowinning facility and removal of the drums. NDEP had to order Arimetco to conduct the work first. Once they did not comply with the order, then NDEP could legally proceed with removal activities. The objective is to remove the material and the potential threat it poses to human health. Ideally, the material will be recycled rather than landfilled but a lot of issues still have to be addressed.

### ***Update on Site Activities***

Discussion of additional site related activities included the following:

- Comments on the Draft Groundwater Conditions Work Plan have been extensive. Sampling protocol will be clarified.
- There is a need to start tracking the short-term objectives
- What is done to collect data (data quality) determines how it can be used.
- Atlantic Richfield requested data from the Yerington Paiute Tribe's domestic well sampling.

### ***Public Meeting Planning***

Dates being considered: Feb. 20, 27<sup>th</sup> and March 13<sup>th</sup>

Start Time: 6:30

Duration: 2 hours

Venues to be considered:

- Lyons County Chamber Room (check on capacity)
- Schools (High school multi-purpose room)
- Don Tibbels Auditorium (Weed Heights)

Target Seating: 200

Topics

- Review work plans and investigations
- What does this mean/ who is impacted/ why should we care?
- Offer different points of view
- What are "we" doing now – update on daily site activities
- Who is working on this together? (YTWG) Create united position – joint effort.
- What is NDEP/EPA doing?

- What will we see going on?
- Why should you stay off the site?
- Keep language plain – not too technical.
- Update since last meeting
- How does this affect the community?
  - Met stations
  - Fugitive dust
  - Domestic well sampling
- Use the time as an opportunity to get input from community – let them determine topics to discuss via Q&A
- Identify community concerns
- Present topics that will stir interactive discussion

#### Next Steps for Planning Public Meeting

Planning Team: Vicki Roberts, Chairman Emm, Phyllis Honewill, Art Gravenstein, Dan Newell (volunteered): (Vicki will initiate)

Tasks for the planning team:

- Draft goals/ mission statement (e.g. inform/ educate/ get feedback) – open lines of communication
- Draft Proposed Agenda – topics/ presenters/ times
- Research venue options
- Develop an outreach strategy (announcements, how to get people interested)
- Circulate ideas to the group for review
- Molly will provide sample groundrules

#### **Yerington Mine Site Technical Work Group Meeting**

##### **Afternoon Agenda**

**October 29, 2002**

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| • Updated Work Plan/Schedule                   | 1:00 |
| • Wabuska Drain Sampling                       | 1:15 |
| • Data Quality Discussion                      | 1:30 |
| • Brief Updates on Other Work Plans            | 1:45 |
| ▪ Groundwater Conditions                       |      |
| ▪ Fugitive Dust                                |      |
| • Planning for Public Meeting and Outreach     | 2:30 |
| • Scheduling for Next YTWG and Public Meetings | 3:00 |
| • Next Steps                                   | 3:30 |
| • Adjourn                                      | 4:00 |

### ***Work Plan Schedule and Activities***

Art Gravenstein circulated an updated version of the Work Plan Schedule. The group discussed the changes and the format. The schedule is posted on the website for public reference. Discussion of work plan activities included the following:

- When a document is final, NDEP will document it as such (i.e. Conceptual Site Model and Community Relations Plan).
- Comments are imminent on the Arimetco Leach Pads.
- Several TWG members agreed to the locations of the Wabuska Drain sampling locations (total 8). Currently they are working on getting access agreements. For a map of the locations, see Chuck Zimmerman.
- QAPP is being developed to clarify methodology, objectives and expectations.
- NDEP and EPA still reviewing the Groundwater WP.
- Atlantic Richfield is in the process of responding to comments on the Fugitive Dust Work Plan. They will likely request an extension for the next version.
- Funding for the site security activities from BLM is uncertain.
- BLM is still trying to get funding to participate at the site but since it is not on the NPL it has been harder.

### **Next Technical Work Group Meeting**

- Day of public meeting or day after
- In the interim a conference call will be scheduled regarding the response to comments. Proposed times: Nov. 8, 12, 14, 18, 19, 21
- Art will email the date
- Bonnie will set up conference call
- Follow-up with trustee

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.